

30, George Road,  
Birmingham.

Jan 24 1871

General Howard  
has been  
referred to  
at Grand  
in  
Dear Sir

I have rather won-  
dered that I did not hear a word  
from you in response to one which  
I sent you about the French  
peasantry. I wrote about the  
end of October - the first com-  
munication I believe which passed  
from this country to you on the  
subject. I enclose for your  
answer in a copy of the Independent  
of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Inst. The "Friends" in  
America have been moving  
and some rem. Bances have  
been received and reported on



of more held out.

Also a sum of £2000  
has been sent to Rothschild  
with instructions if there  
was no French Society to  
relieve the distressed people  
in the St E. provinces it  
might be given to an English  
Society doing the same work.  
This money comes from a French  
body of subscribers.

Rothschild's mode  
unwarrantably as I think  
chose to hold the money



for the time of peace and to  
give it to some Court I think  
for relieving Paris

That which we are most anxious  
about just now is the forwarding  
of seed Corn for the region  
round Metz.

The value of the  
seed that should be sown  
and what will not be or only  
very partially sown in the Dept  
of the Moselle and chiefly  
in the Arrondissement ~~round~~ of  
Metz can hardly be less than 100,000  
We are trying to get contributions  
of seed Corn (in kind) but  
our Landowners & occupations are  
not liberal and are very  
slow. Oats first then barley



then wheat and when I am much  
wanted. in the proportion of  
30, 18 & 6. If the Tribune  
could raise up its <sup>or the New York Merchants</sup> ~~or it is strength~~ <sup>or it is strength</sup> ~~or it is strength~~  
to send over promptly cargoes of  
flour to the care of our War  
Victims Committee we are in  
excellent position to send them  
forward and distribute them  
through the Chamber of Agriculture  
Comtee. Agnecoh at Albany on which  
body our Friends Commissioners  
have been sitting week after  
week. and from which we have  
our elaborate detailed report  
of many pages of MSS  
Should my idea of a telegram  
should be sent.

Yours very truly  
A. M. Briggs